

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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PAYMENT OF MSP

Deo Shri Bikram Keshari

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure that the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of paddy is properly implemented during the procurement of paddy in the current kharif season?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

The Food Corporation of India (FCI) and State Agencies procure paddy conforming to Fair Average Quality specifications from farmers at the Minimum Support Price (MSP) to offer remunerative prices and to check distress sale. The FCI and State Governments have been advised to open sufficient number of purchase centers for procurement of paddy. They have also been advised to give wide publicity through print and audio visual media, village fairs, panchayats, Agriculture Extension Service/Krishi Vigyan Kendras etc. to inform the farmers about the minimum support operations, location and facilities provided at the purchase centers etc. In order to monitor closely the price support operations, special control rooms are set up by the Food Corporation of India, State Governments and by the Ministry.